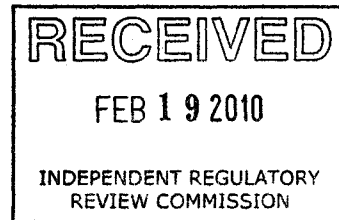


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Dear Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board,

As the Department of Environmental Protection considers new wastewater regulations, I urge you to base these on the protection of water quality, not on the short-term economic impact to polluters. As a water quality protection specialist, I know that protecting the quality of water is a better long-term economic and environmental investment than undoing the damage done by insufficient regulation. Please include the following points:

- * Set health-based standards for contaminants including arsenic, benzene, radium and magnesium that may be found in wastewater gas drilling.
- * Approve and implement these standards as soon as possible in order to protect public health and our environment.
- * Stop all new gas drilling operations until these new health-based standards are set and require all sewage treatment plants to follow these proposed standards immediately.
- * Require drilling companies to track and report all of their pollution from drilling sites to treatment plants, and establish regulations to oversee the reuse of gas drilling wastewater.

The public has a right to know about pollution being released into our environment or shipped into our communities.

Sincerely,